

## Teacher Appreciation

Albert Einstein once stated "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

In our celebrations for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-13, 2017, I wish to share my gratitude for the awesome work you are doing to support our young people every day. The WI Department of Public Instruction has a few extra messages for you to see. Please visit the online sites in this issue, a [proclamation](#), [video message](#) from Superintendent Evers on the [department YouTube channel](#) and an opportunity to contribute to the #ThankATeacher hashtag to share any inspirational stories.

To celebrate the week consider contributing to the #ThankATeacher hashtag to share any inspirational stories. My path has involved some incredibly rich experiences, all of which have been fostered through the caring nature of my teachers from Kindergarten through college. These wonderful people have acted as guides in my educational journey.

I continue to be blessed through the visits with educators across the state in my current role. You all inspire, inform, and engage our young people through the arts. Please remember, as Carl Jung stated, "One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."

The care, warmth, and smiles you bring to every child, their parents, and the school community provides an essential base for our learners in their PreK-12th grade education and beyond.

Thank you again for your work in the arts. Please continue to share your ideas to help me shape this and other resources for you by contributing to the

[newsletter survey link.](#)

-Julie



## WISELearn

What is [WISELearn](#)? WISELearn is a resource that lives online, providing a centralized location for classroom resources, professional learning materials, and options for networking with Wisconsin educators. In February's newsletter, educators contributed to a survey of what trends might be leading us into 2017. Social Networks and online learning tools were high on the list. This searchable resource is free and encourages educators to not only investigate the resources available, but also to support the growth of this tool by serving as curators. Training for educators is scheduled throughout the year to leverage educator expertise in their submitting either existing or newly developed resources for the classroom online repository.



Check the [schedule](#) of dates for training times and locations. To learn more about WISELearn, check the video sharing about the features of this tool.

The arts areas have resources available online for educators to review and to consider for their instructional plans.

Check these resources through the search tools by browsing the subject area of your choice. [The Visual and Performing Arts](#), as of April 2017, has just a little under 400 items submitted to the repository. You can get started by clicking the "WISELearn Visual and Performing Arts" button.

Visit the [WI Educator Curation Project](#) page to enroll in a spring training session for new curators. Participants will investigate WISELearn, get connected with other educators online, and will share classroom resources to enhance the classroom. I encourage you to investigate this resource, helping us shape the educational paths for our students in the arts.



# Arts in Wisconsin Highlights



Capitol Concerts - Platteville HS Choir performs for MIOSM.



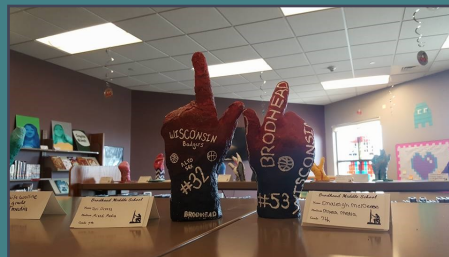
UW Madison hosts High School Dance Festival



Youth Art Month at WI State Capitol - Representative Zamarripa at the exhibit.



Youth Art Month at WI State Capitol - Representative Berceau at the exhibit.



Brodhead School District Youth Art Month Exhibit



Capitol Concerts with Tri County HS Choir and Representative Krug



Capitol Concerts - Sheboygan Lutheran High School Choir performs for MIOSM.



Capitol Concerts - Wauwatosa East HS Orchestra performs for MIOSM.



Youth Art Month at WI State Capitol - Representative Ballweg



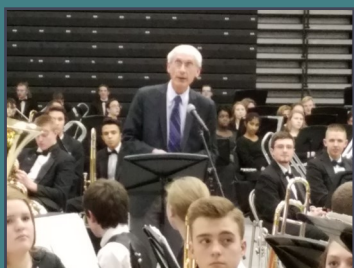
Capitol Concerts - Leopold ES Choir performed for MIOSM.



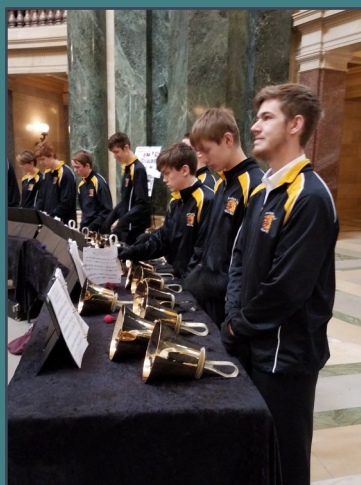
Robinson ES - Beloit 3rd Grade students perform at the "This is America" spring concert. Members of the VFW, Police officers and firefighters joined the students on stage for the song "American Tears" to honor all of our American Heroes. Students were under the direction of Brandi Hawley, Music Teacher.



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Band 'O Rama at Sun Prairie School District - 13 bands, community event, and State Supt. Evers. [Video](#)



Handbell choirs perform- Spencer, Blair-Taylor, Brown Deer, Riverdale, White-water, Fennimore, Black River Falls at WI State Capitol.



Youth Art Month at WI State Capitol - Grand Prize Winner

Youth Art Month exhibit at the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh with K-12 students.



Leopold ES Choir getting ready to sing for WI Capitol Concerts.



Visioneers - WAEA at UW Milwaukee for MS/HS Artists



Visual Arts Classic - WAEA at UW Madison for High School Artists  
Pictured: Northwestern HS Grand Champs

## Best Communities in Music Education



Each year the NAMM Foundation conducts a survey of schools across the nation and identifies the Best Communities for Music Education. The listing for the honored 2017 Districts are listed online. Twenty three Wisconsin districts were selected based on the criteria from the NAMM Foundation. Two Wisconsin schools earned the 2017 Support Music Merit Award for providing students with access to comprehensive music education. Congratulations to the schools who received this recognition:

### Best Communities

- Chilton Public Schools District
- Delavan-Darien School District
- Glenwood City School District
- Greendale School District
- Hortonville Area School District
- Hudson School District
- Kenosha Unified School District
- Kettle Moraine School District
- Kimberly Area School District
- Manitowoc Public School District
- Platteville School District
- Pulaski Community School District
- Ripon Area School District
- School District of Elmbrook
- School District of Fort Atkinson
- School District of Jefferson
- St. Croix Falls School District
- Sun Prairie Area School District
- United Community Center, Inc.
- Watertown Unified School District
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
- Whitehall High School District
- Whitewater Unified School District

### Support Music Merit Award

- Chippewa Falls Middle School
- Richland Center High School

## Civic Music Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's music awards from the Civic Music Association. The awardees and their area of recognition include:

- Michael Van Pelt, Riverside University High School, Milwaukee Public Schools — Music Teacher of the Year
- Marjorie Flanagan, Wisconsin Lutheran High School — Certificate of Excellence Vocal Music
- Megan Aswegan, Oriole Lane, Donges Bay and Wilson Elementary Schools, Mequon-Thiensville School District — Certificate of Excellence Instrumental Music
- Jane Borden, Parkside School for the Arts, Milwaukee Public Schools — Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra ACE Teacher of the Year
- Heather Cheslock, Woodside Elementary School, Hamilton School District — Certificate of Excellence General Music
- Adrien Zitoun, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Member and Cello Teacher — Certificate of Excellence Studio Music

CIVIC MUSIC  
Educator Awards

Saturday, March 11, 2017  
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts  
929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee



**CIVIC MUSIC  
Music Teacher  
of the Year**  
**Michael Van Pelt**  
Riverside University  
High School  
Milwaukee Public  
Schools



**MILWAUKEE  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
ACE Teacher  
of the Year**  
**Jane Borden**  
Parkside School  
for the Arts  
Milwaukee Public Schools



**Certificate of Excellence  
Vocal Music**  
**Marjorie Flanagan**  
Wisconsin Lutheran  
High School



**Certificate of Excellence  
General Music**  
**Heather Cheslock**  
Woodside Elementary  
School  
Hamilton School District



**Certificate of Excellence  
Instrumental Music**  
**Megan Aswegan**  
Oriole Lane,  
Donges Bay & Wilson  
Elementary Schools  
Mequon-Thiensville  
School District



**Certificate of Excellence  
Studio Music**  
**Adrien Zitoun**  
Cello Teacher and  
Milwaukee Symphony  
Orchestra member

## School District of Beloit - Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Brandi Hawley, Robinson Elementary School in the School District of Beloit, for being named Teacher of the Year.

## Professional Development for Arts Educators

Click on the sessions of interest for more details and registration information. These sessions are free and focus on arts education topics. They are facilitated by Julie Palkowski, Ph.D., Fine Arts and Creativity Education Consultant for the WI Department of Public Instruction. A special thank you to the Wisconsin Center for Music Education who is hosting.

- Monday, August 14, 2017 - 9am to 3pm at WCME, Waunakee  
DPI Arts Education Resources/Building Your Professional Online Network – August 14 - Participants will investigate learning tools online and build online communities with arts educators.
- Wednesday, August 16, 2017 - 9am to 3pm at WCME, Waunakee  
Disciplinary Literacy in the Arts/Fine Arts Assessment Review & Application – August 16 - Disciplinary Literacy in the Arts will include activities that support the use of disciplinary literacy tools- writing, reading, thinking, listening, speaking, and performing to deepen student arts learning. The afternoon will investigate Fine Arts Assessment.

## Arts Summer Camps for Students

A listing of summer camps and student workshops is shared below. Please visit the sites that interest you. If you have additional arts camps or events, please forward to Julie Palkowski for future newsletter consideration.

- A Cappella University - Sponsored by Wisconsin School Music Association
- Student Music Business Workshops - Sponsored by Wisconsin School Music Association
- Lawrence University Camps - Appleton
- Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum - Year round programming for youth and families - Wausau
- Middleton Recreation Division
- MMSD site - Year Round and Summer listings of arts activities
- MSCR Arts and Enrichment Program - Summer guide
- My Summer Camps - Wisconsin listings
- Arts Camp: The Art of Nature Camps - Sharon Lynne Wilson Arts Center, Brookfield
- Shell Lake Arts Center Summer Programs - Shell Lake
- UW-Madison Summer Music Clinics - Madison; All UW Madison Arts Camps
- UW-Green Bay Summer Camps - Green Bay
- UW-Stevens Point Summer Camps - Stevens Point
- UW-Whitewater Music Camps - Whitewater
- Viterbo University Camps and Workshops (Camp Creative) - La Crosse; Email for details





## WI DPI Music Standards Review Process

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Music Standards Review began in February with the launch of a public survey and a [notice of intent](#) for this work. After a review of the survey feedback and sharing of music in our schools, the Superintendent's Standards Review Council approved [next steps](#) in establishing a standards music writing team. The writing team started their work in late April and will continue throughout the summer with a review of the survey feedback, current voluntary Music Education standards, and other music standards examples including the [National Core Arts Standards](#). This process was created by the Wisconsin legislature and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and involves the wide gathering of ideas from multiple persons including music teachers, administrators, parents, business professionals, music industry and service organizations, and leaders from across the state. Regardless of the final outcome of this work, the standards will continue to be voluntary for districts. Districts are free to consider the standards of their choice for their community of learners. Wisconsin Academic Standards are not required to be adopted by school districts under state law. For additional information, visit the [April newsletter 2015](#) and the [Music Education home page](#). Thank you for your patience. Please email your ideas and questions to [DPIMusicStandards@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:DPIMusicStandards@dpi.wi.gov).

### Just In Time Links

Additional education sites:

[Annenberg Learner](#)  
[ArtsEdge: Multimedia](#)  
[Art of Education \(AOE\)](#)  
[BadgerLink](#)  
[BBC Learning Zone](#)  
[Education Closet](#)  
[From the Top](#)  
[MAM Teacher Resources](#)  
[PBS Arts](#)  
[Teaching Channel](#)  
[Teaching Today](#)



[Watch Know Learn](#)  
[Wisconsin Biographies](#)  
[Wisconsin Media Lab](#)

### Past Newsletter Issues

#### Events

- John Michael Kohler Innovative Educator Events - [Calendar, Details and Registration, Lesson Plans](#)
- [Kids from Wisconsin Touring schedule](#) - Summer 2017
- [WI DPI Fine Arts Professional Development Calendar](#)
- [Milwaukee Art Museum events and educator resources](#)
- [UW-Madison Arts & Humanities Events](#)
- [UW-Parkside Professional Development Courses](#). [Register online](#). For questions, contact Marti Sopher, [cacllc@charter.net](mailto:cacllc@charter.net); 608-772-0794
- [UW-Stevens Point Dance Productions](#)
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events, Professional Development](#)
- Wisconsin Arts Board—[Wisconsin Folk](#) site
- [Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture](#)
- [Woodson Art Museum Teacher Resource Guide](#), Wausau; [Education Resource Page](#)

### From the Field

**Submit your lesson ideas** for future newsletters. Share these at the link "[From the Field](#)."

### Disciplinary Literacy - Arts



The [Tip Sheet](#) provides [DL Arts Examples](#). **Visit the calendar at the** [Fine Arts Professional Development](#) site. Contact [Julie Palkowski](#) if your district is interested in discussing face-to-face or networking options.

#### USING DL in your SLO

For fine arts educators considering a disciplinary literacy student learning objective, you may wish to check the [rubrics](#) created. These offer some assessment ideas in the areas of: reading, writing, listening, thinking, speaking, and performing in the arts. [Videos](#) for each of the DL tools highlights what each looks like in the arts.

Visit past newsletter issues [2012-13 #7 & #8](#) to learn more about DL and "Informational Text." Also visit [WI DPI Text Types](#), which includes informational text such as: music, art, and media resources.

**WORDS, #, Images, Auditory Cues**

### SLOs in the Arts

[SLO Arts Sharing Site](#) - Post your ideas online and get feedback from others.



Resources and online materials:

- [Student Learning Objectives in the Arts PD site](#) provides all session materials and extension activities for learning.
  - Fine Arts and Creativity newsletter issues [2013 Issue #3, Issue #4](#)
  - [SLO in the Arts - Tip Sheet](#)
  - [Updated Template \(Version 7\)](#)
  - [Template and Critical Friends Document](#)
- Wisconsin arts SLO examples and rubrics for: [Art](#), [Choir](#), [Dance](#), [Theatre](#), [Instrumental Music](#), [General Music](#), [Disciplinary Literacy SLO Rubric Examples](#)





## State Superintendent News

**Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction updates** are provided online. Highlights recently posted include:

- [DPI Site](#) - latest news and links
- [Agenda 2017: Every Child a Graduate, College and Career Ready](#)
- [Past Fine Arts Education Postings](#)
- [WisconsinDPI Youtube](#); [Arts Videos](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction News Room](#)

### Google Communities

**WI DPI Arts Education Google Communities** - Click to join.

- [WI DPI Art Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Dance Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Media Arts Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Music Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Theatre Educators](#)



### DPI Fine Arts Sites

- [Fine Arts and Creativity Education](#)
- [Fine Arts Pedagogy](#); [Teacher Licensure](#) - fine arts
- Wisconsin Academic Standards posters:
  - ◇ [Art and Design](#) ◇ [Music](#)
  - ◇ [Dance](#) ◇ [Theatre](#)

## Sharing Opportunities

**Do you have an instructional strategy, creative assessment method, or engaging classroom resources to share? Submit ideas to:**

- [Kudos](#) - news of honors, events, and special arts awards
- [From the Field](#) - classroom strategy sharing
- [Creative Classrooms](#) - innovative strategies/resource



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